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What events have enriched or may have damaged our relationships with God?

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What are your most important “treasured possessions”?

What does it mean to realise we can be God’s treasured possession?

What are the implications?

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In scripture, what do we regard the most helpful passages offering such guidance?

How would you describe your moral compass?

As we face an Election, how important is the concept of a moral compass?

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What is our response to this statement?

How do we attempt to avoid the corrupting power of sin?

In our walk with God, how important is confession/repentance that can lead to the new covenant relationship with God?

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